

ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY¹ RATES, 1993-1995

- Between 1993 and 1995, pregnancy rates among adolescents 10-17 years of age averaged 23 per 1,000 female adolescents.
- Highest adolescent pregnancy rates were in West Tennessee.
- The highest three-year average rates were reported in Trousdale, Lake and Haywood Counties.
- The lowest average rates were reported in Williamson, Overton and Fentress Counties.
- Among larger metropolitan counties, Shelby County had the highest three-year average adolescent pregnancy rate at 32.8, with Sullivan having the lowest rate (16.4).

- Among nonmetropolitan regions, Southwest Tennessee had the highest rate (26.4) and Mid-Cumberland, Upper Cumberland and Northeast Tennessee the lowest at 17.0, 17.2 and 17.3, respectively.
- Adolescent pregnancy rates among blacks were 44.8 per 1,000 compared to 17.1 per 1,000 among whites.
- Adolescent pregnancy rates declined by 11% from 25.4 in 1990 to 22.8 in 1995.
- After a large decline in adolescent pregnancy rates between 1991 and 1992, amounting to an 8% drop in the rate among whites and a 7% drop in the rate among blacks, the decline slowed. The rate among whites has remained level at 17, while the rate among blacks has declined slightly by an average of around 2% per year.

Source: Pregnancy information which includes live births, fetal deaths, and abortions was provided by TDH, Health Statistics and Information, 1993-1995.

¹Pregnancies include live births, fetal deaths, and abortions.

